

CITIZENS OPPOSE LEASING AUDITORIUM FOR MOVIES

E. E. Pollock Offers \$150 Per Month for House; Mrs. A. F. Carselle and Walter Brackin Each Offer \$125; Ernest H. Hill and T. A. Ward As Citizens, Oppose Converting Auditorium Into Movie House; Final Action Postponed

Opposition to leasing the city hall auditorium for moving pictures, vaudeville and what not, developed at a meeting of city council last night, and so concise were the expressions of objection, that council took no action in the matter and decided to carry the question over until next Monday night, which by the way, will be the first meeting held in 1919.

Doubts Legal Right.

Ernest H. Hill, city attorney, appeared before council as a citizen, and not as a lawyer, and objected strenuously to converting the auditorium into a movie house. He pointed out that other persons are paying license to operate moving picture shows here, and that to lease the auditorium to go into competition with these other parties, would be doing them a grave injustice, and might not be legal. Injunction proceedings might be instituted, or the possibility of such proceedings, were pointed out by Mr. Hill.

T. A. Ward also appeared as a citizen and offered his voice in opposition to the suggested plan of converting the auditorium into a movie house. His ideas were very much the same as those ad-

CIRCUIT COURT MEETS MONDAY

The circuit court will be in session Monday morning with Judge H. A. Penree, presiding, at which time civil cases will be the order of the day. There are 28 cases on the docket for trial Monday.

It is feared that the rapid disposal of cases will be interfered with, owing to the illness of three lawyers, who have practice in the court.

REGISTER NOW.

I will be in Dothan till the 5th of January for the purpose of registering those who are qualified to register. No one can register after January 5th.

A. O. Walker, Register.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for councilman from ward two subject to the action of the city primary.

T. W. HARRIS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for councilman from ward four, subject to the action of the city primary.

J. T. TRAWICK.

I hereby announce myself for councilman at large subject to the action of the city primary.

J. W. BIRKETT.

I hereby announce myself for councilman from ward one, subject to the action of the city primary.

W. T. SINGLETARY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for councilman from ward one, subject to the action of the city primary.

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ance of "When Dreams Come True" that is a delight to the spectator.

3 MILLION MOUNT THE WATER WAGON IN 4 'DRY' STATES

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—Three million new passengers for the "water wagon."

On January 1 the dry wave over a once soppy and "liberal" west adds the people of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Colorado to the prohibition roster.

Court decisions have sustained the popular anti-booze verdict. Forty-five breweries and 2190 saloons are put out of business and more than \$100,000,000 in capital invested in the liquor industry goes into a state of suspended animation.

"Blind pigs" will have tough footing.

The new law, practically the same in all four states, permits an individual to buy not more than two quarts of liquor or 12 quarts of beer every 20 days. This must be shipped in, since the manufacturer as well as retail of liquor is prohibited. These purchases must be registered with designated authorities.

Seattle Largest Dry City.

The most interesting test for the rest of the country to watch will be the effect of prohibition in Seattle, heretofore a decidedly wet seaport, and the largest city in the United States to go dry.

Seattle has four breweries and 315 saloons. They pay a \$1000 annual license revenue that will be lost.

The Seattle Brewing and Malting Company, sixth largest in the United States, has erected a new establishment in San Francisco. Its \$3,000,000 plant here will remain idle.

Its \$1000 daily pay roll of 500 men; the annual purchase of \$350,000 of barley; a bank surplus of millions and a \$240,000 beer export to Alaska—all this is transferred to wet California.

Other breweries are converting their plants into cold storage depots, and can and pop, soft drink and chain juice factories, creameries and butteries.

In Portland, Ore., curiously many saloon men disagree with perhaps the majority of merchants who believe prohibition is going to put the town "on the bum."

"Near Beer" and Lunches.

They are planning to dispense in bottles and from the keg "near beers," sodas and pop, now produced by the Oregon converted breweries. Oyster cook-tails, lunches and legitimate palatable ticklers will also be sold.

They expect to make about as much as before because they will pay a \$50 soda fountain fee in place of the \$800 liquor license.

In Idaho the situation is less acute, since the dries have been winning important victories there for years. Four of the largest breweries had quit even before the vote went dry.

One-thirteenth of Colorado will go dry on January 1. Twelve thirteenths are already dry.

Will Make Pottery.

Approximately 1500 saloons will close their doors. Eleven breweries will stop making beer. Five of these breweries are large ones, capitalized at more than \$1,000,000. Four of them will make other products. The smaller breweries, with only a small force of men, will quit business.

The converted breweries will manufacture "near beer" and soft drinks. The Cocks brewery at Golden, Colo., will make pottery from clay beds nearby and will gradually include other lines.

In Colorado 100 saloons have already quit and about 100 more will close before the first of the year, as their licenses expire before that time.

Citizens Fill Cellars.

Throughout the state 25,000 men are connected with the liquor

SURPRISE ATTACK GIVE RUSSIANS DECIDED VICTORY

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The official statement issued today by general headquarters reads as follows:

Western front: At Schmarlen in the direction of the east front a Russian detachment organized a surprise attack upon a German post. At 4 o'clock in the morning the Russians appeared without having been seen, and the wire obstacles in many places threw themselves upon the German lines, flung hand grenades through the windows, and after a hand to hand encounter destroyed the whole post. Six prisoners were taken. In spite of a heavy fire from the south the Russians retired successfully with insignificant losses. In the region of Chortorysk station near a cemetery in the village of Novopodchervitski we annihilated another German post, taking 10 prisoners.

In the Black sea near the Bulgarian shore our torpedo boats destroyed two sailing vessels and bombarded posts upon the shore. The enemy's submarine attacked our destroyer the Grankul near the Bulgarian coast. The Grankul skillfully evaded two torpedoes and repulsed an attack by gunfire. There is reason to believe that one of the submarines was sunk.

Caucasia front: West of Khamanour, our troops occupied the town of Asadabad. In a fight near the village of Tabatkekin, 40 versts (about 27 miles) southwest of Tcheran with Persian guerrillas and tribes of Kauri-Khechmet we took prisoners 71 insurgents.

Then comes W. F. Martin, who says: "Don't tell 'em my friends announced me," who lives in ward two, and so far, no other announcements have been made from that ward. He has a peculiar fitness for the place, because of his technical knowledge of certain lines that the city comes in contact with. He, too, would make a good man for the place.

Then comes J. T. Trawick, who has been living in Dothan since he got out of knee pants. He said some time ago he was going to run, and that he was going to vote for a reduction in street tax to \$4 a year, instead of \$5, but the council did away with that issue; it reduced the street tax, but that's no reason why Tom should come down. He is going to run right on, and the people in ward four are to say what they think of him in the coming primary. No mistake would be made if Tom is elected. He is a booster for Dothan, wherever he goes, and he's on the go a good deal.

FATHER AND SON PUT AND END TO THEIR LIVES

Louisa Courthouse, Va., Dec. 27.—Grieved at the death of a favorite calf, Pendleton Butler, aged 18, whose home was near Cullum's Store, between here and Gordonsville, hanged himself yesterday to an oak.

Zack Butler, father of the lad, discovering his son's death, shot himself through the head, dying instantly.

Waycross holds couple. Waycross, Ga., Dec. 25.—Martha Spell, detained here today by Sheriff Pittman upon the request of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spell of Nicholls, was taken home tonight. Henry A. Connor of Fildford, Fla., arrested for taking the girl from her home, remains in the custody of the sheriff.

It is alleged that the couple eloped five miles early today to avoid relatives who had gone to beach to prevent the girl's departure. The girl is 15 and Connor is 60. He is unmarried and claims to be a relative of Spell's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Heller are the parents of a 11-pound girl, which arrived this afternoon.

Many of them have already found other work.

Barren sales on liquor are doing a rushing business and citizens are scrambling to stock their cellars before the month hits. There is still a \$2,000,000 stock left, but it is being rapidly reduced.

One stringent feature is the order for no liquors in foods. Minors must be brandless and brandy sauce must be labeled, according to the order of Governor A. Carlson and Attorney General Fred Farrar.

"People don't drink wine, pies, of course," said the Governor, "but liquor is liquor, no matter how you get it down."

7 IN A BUNCH OUT FOR COUNCIL; MUNICIPAL POLITICS WARMING UP

Charles Roland and W. T. Singletary Announce From Ward One; W. F. Martin and T. W. Harris Ward Two; O. H. Lissedy and E. P. Holland Ward Three; J. T. Trawick Ward Four

When it did open up, it came quickly. Seven men have announced for councilmen from their respective wards.

K. P. Holland, who has been elected councilman from ward three, for three different times, is asking that the people of his ward reelect him next year. No one who is familiar with his record would say that he has failed in any sense, to do his duty. He has made a good councilman.

H. H. Lissedy, another citizen of ward three, is asking for a place on the council from his ward. It is not understood that they are opponents, but if some one else announces from ward three at least, as there are two to be elected from each ward. Mr. Lissedy, like the others, has lived in Dothan long enough to take a liking to it, and wouldn't stand for anything that he didn't think was good for the town.

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And just before this column of announcements is closed, another comes, W. T. Singletary, of ward one. Will Singletary be always safe in anything. He never jumps at conclusions in making up his mind, and he kinder pulled back in this race, but he has now decided to run, and he is holding back. He, like nearly all the others, is one among the original good citizens of the city, and always stands for what he thinks is best for it and its people.

No—you thought that was all. One more, before we go to press. Comes Charles Roland, a substantial citizen from ward one, who asks to be put in the line of running for councilman from his ward, and that will be a walk-over, unless some one else comes out. Mr. Roland has represented his ward on the council once before, and his friends say he made a good man for the place.

And for the present, this seems to be all. The primary hasn't been called yet, but it will likely come off in February.

in February, so as to get out of the way of the main show to follow later, and there is no telling how many more will come out for reelection. This is the time to announce; don't wait till next year. Come up and be counted.

Epidemic of Grip REACHES NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 28.—That the epidemic of grip recently reported in Chicago, Milwaukee, Philadelphia and other cities has reached New York was officially admitted today by the department of health. To prevent as far as possible the spread of the disease the department renewed its warning to persons not afflicted to keep away from those who sneeze and cough. A noticeable increase in the death rate from influenza and pneumonia during the week ending December 25 was reported. The number of cases of pneumonia was estimated at 2,000.

\$300,000,000 CONTRACT IS AWARDED BY FRANCE FOR AMERICAN SHELLS

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Contracts of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance company had closed a contract for \$300,000,000 worth of shells for the French government. The contract includes 400,000 shells, ranging in size from 8 1/2 to 12 inches, and all must be delivered next year. It is probable that part of the order will be subject to other concerns, the announcement said.

MOTHER DROWNS BOY AND ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Milford, Conn., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Edward Krause threw her two small sons into the Milford reservoir and then jumped in after them today. The woman was rescued but the boys were drowned. Their bodies have not been recovered. Mrs. Krause will be examined as to her mental condition. The boys were Sidney, aged 6, and Edward, aged 5.

"THEY LIKE THE LADIES"

Athens, Greece, December 28.—Violent scenes have been enacted on Constantinople between the Greek and German general, Von Sanders, as the result of the indifference of the German officers show for Turkish ladies.

DISTILLER CAUGHT

Robert V. Reid, of Cottonwood was arraigned before Commissioner Tutwiler last night on a charge of operating an illicit distillery. It being alleged that he was caught while making liquor, and was bound over under bond to await the action of the federal grand jury.

LAST DAYS TO REGISTER

Judge Crawford wants to notify all those who are not registered, and who are entitled, to registration, to come forward and register before the 5th of January, as that will be the last date on which any one can register next year.

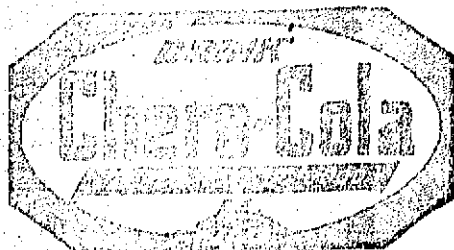


"The Bridemaids," a native chorus number from the musical comedy of youth, "When Dreams Come True," at the Auditorium tonight.

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Miss Marie Spann Entertains—

Miss Marie Spann was the charming hostess at a beautiful Christmas party on last evening, honoring her brother, Mr. Norman Spann, who is at home from Auburn during the holidays.

The beautiful colonial home on West Main street was elaborately decorated in holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and azalias. The several apartments were all opened together, forming a lovely space for dancing which was the main feature of the evening.

Delicious punch was served throughout the evening by Miss Margaret Tutwiler. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour, when delightful refreshments were served.

Miss Maeve Helms Hostess—

One of the most enjoyable of the Christmas parties was that of Miss Maeve Helms, on Tuesday afternoon at her home on South Foster street.

After enjoying cook at three tables, the hostess assisted by Miss Katherine Helms, served a salad course to the following fortunate guests: Misses Flora Howell, Ella Mae Rollins, Julia Tatum, Elizabeth Crawford, Susie Dell Morris, Ray Strickland, Edith Williams, Jewel Harris, Lillie Mae Jones, Annie Carroll Logue and Clara Daniels.

Houston Club Dance—

The young men of the Houston Club were the genial hosts last evening at a very enjoyable dance, honoring their young lady friends and visiting girls.

The club rooms were very attractive in their Christmas decorations.

Delicious punch was served throughout the evening by Mrs. Joe Bennett of Panama City and Mrs. C. B. Guyan of Tallahassee, Fla.

The chaperones were Mrs. Fletcher Black, of Panama City; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Guyan of Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. Edmund Rouse of Montgomery; Mrs. Bride-Well of Texas; and Mrs. Joe Bennett of Panama City.

Ernest Stephenson has returned from Valdosta, Ga.

Miss Ray Strickland Entertains—

One of the most enjoyable of the Christmas parties for the school set was the one of last evening, when Miss Ray Strickland was hostess at her attractive home on West Main street.

The living room and dining room were elaborately decorated in holly, red carnations, and poinsettias.

Progressive conversation was the game of the evening, and much merriment was caused by the subjects to be discussed.

Delicious ambrosia in little baskets, and cake, was served to the following: Misses Irene Lisenby, Lillie Mae Jones, Leone Strickland, Mary Jeter, Julia Tatum, Nell Reid, Christine Reid, Susie Dell Morris, Elizabeth Crawford, Nettie Mae Powell, Messrs: Charles Newman, Hara Hill, Herman Jones, Ben Cleddin, Horton Lisenby, Lewis Tatum, Albert Lisenby, Wallace Hunter, Douglas Williams and Max Yarbrough.

New Century Club—

The New Century Club was delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Mrs. A. Y. Malone at her palatial residence on North Foster street.

The entire lower floor was thrown together and beautifully decorated in holly, azalias and poinsettias.

This being the holiday meeting, no regular program was rendered.

A discussion of next year's study, The Modern Drama, was one of the main features of the afternoon.

Miss Lee, of Fairmont Seminary, Washington, the guest of honor of the afternoon, gave several little stories which were very much enjoyed.

A full attendance was present and several visitors came in for refreshments.

Delightful hot coffee with several kinds of cakes, candies, mints etc., were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Barnett.

FRECKLES.

A dramatization of Gene Stratton-Porter's "Freckles" has proven that there is no limit of success to good, clean, moral song plays. The Broadway Amusement Company first saw the possibilities of Mrs. Porter's work, which now stands as one of the most substantial successes in the past decade of theatrical history.

As a love story, it is full of real sentiment; as a story of adventure, it is positively gripping; in all the elementary features, there is no character or set of characters which have been on the American stage for years, so intensely interesting, nor has there been a more beautiful stage picture than is depicted in this new song play.

The Broadway Amusement Company has given "Freckles" a perfect stage investiture, and there will be found nothing wanting in the matter of scenery, accessories, music or cast, when this charming song play is presented at the Auditorium matinee and night, Saturday, January 1st.

BOER UPRISING LEADER RELEASED BY BRITISH.



GEN. CHRISTIAN DE WET.

General Christian de Wet.

Dondon, Dec. 28.—General Christian de Wet, one of the leaders of the South African rebellion last year and 118 other rebels sentenced to prison for treason last June have been released upon the payment of their fine and the promise that they will not engage in politics.

General de Wet was commander-in-chief of the Free State forces during the Boer war. In 1914 he headed a rebellion in Orange Free State and western Transvaal against the British government. He was captured, tried and convicted of treason and sentenced to serve a prison term of six years and pay a fine of \$10,000. Last year a petition for his release was circulated through South Africa.

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Auditorium, Jan. 1st.

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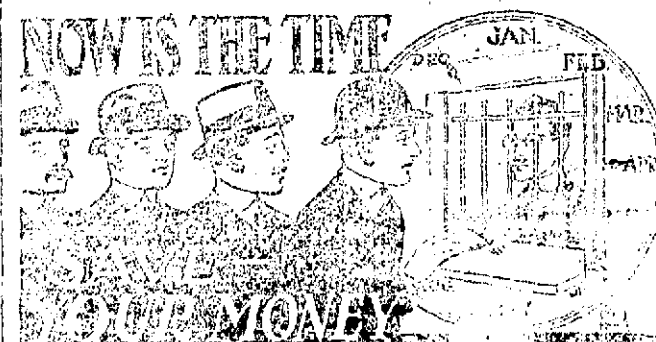
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